

I fondly remember selecting Local Colors as a "Local Legacy" project in 1999, bringing national recognition from the Library of Congress that has permitted so many people around our nation and around the world to experience what Local Colors is all about. They can visit the Library of Congress, view the digital recognition on the Internet, or visit the festival to see all that it has become.

Local Colors is truly one of America's proud traditions. Pearl can stand assured that she has been responsible for its success and the community is thankful to her for helping them experience such a memorable event over so many years.

As Pearl steps away from the leadership of Local Colors, I and so many others will continue to support and experience Local Colors as a way of showing the world that we are truly one nation. I extend my gratitude to Pearl for making it all possible for us and for her deep spirit of goodwill.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF
JOSHUA MOSSING ON HIS OFFER
OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND
THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Joshua Mossing of Sylvania, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Joshua's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2019. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country but also guarantees a world-class education, while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Joshua brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2019. While attending Central Catholic High School in Toledo, Ohio, Joshua was a member of the National Honor Society, Summa Cum Laude Honor Roll, and was top ten in class rank.

Throughout high school, Joshua was a member of his school's wrestling and football teams, earning varsity letters in wrestling and voted team captain of the wrestling team. I am confident that Joshua will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Air Force Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Joshua Mossing on the offer of his appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Joshua will excel during his career at the Air Force Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

HONORING BAHATI S. HARDEN, MD

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bahati S. Harden, MD, who has achieved remarkable success and has been exemplary as a physician and a public servant.

Dr. Harden was born in Adams County in Natchez, MS on June 24, 1979 to the late George Harden and Deborah Harden. Being the baby girl, she was a godly child who called her father her best friend at an early age and grew up in a household of love and support.

Bahati finished high school and received a scholarship to Spelman College in Atlanta, GA where she completed her studies in Biology in 2001. After graduating with a Master's of Science in Public Health from Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, she accepted a fellowship in Bioterrorism Preparedness with the Centers for Disease Control and prevention.

Having a desire to pursue a medical degree, she entered the University of MS Medical Center's Inaugural Professional Portal Track. Having received a Master's of Science in Biomedical Science, she completed her Doctorate of Medicine also at the University of MS Medical Center. After completing a residency at LSU Health (Shreveport, LA) in Rural Family Medicine, Dr. Harden accepted a position in MS Delta with the Greenwood Leflore Hospital in Greenwood, MS where she continues to practice.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Bahati S. Harden, a Doctor and Public Servant, for her dedication to serving others and giving back to the African American community.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF MRS.
CARRIE 'GRANDMA REIGLE'
(RIZZI) REIGLE

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Mrs. Carrie Reigle, who passed away peacefully in the presence of her family on Easter Sunday. Carrie was known to all of us as Grandma Reigle. She was born on October 24, 1917 to her loving parents Vincenzo and Angelina Rizzi. She attended Niles High School and after graduating she attended the Choffin School of Nursing, completing her degree in 1960.

It came as no surprise that Carrie spent her life's work as a nurse mending the broken. To all who knew her she was a caring person whose love and compassion stemmed beyond measure. Carrie's early career consisted of her hard work in the Intensive Care Unit as a nurse at Northside Hospital. She spent twenty-two years at her post until retiring in 1983. Even in retirement Carrie's commitment to helping others led to her return to nursing in 1984 at the Shepherd of the Valley Nursing Home in Niles, Ohio.

In 1996, she retired from Shepherd of the Valley, but still decided she had more to give.

She later returned to nursing part-time with Dr. Pokabla at his office in Howland, Ohio until 2002 where she fully retired at the age of 84. She was very proud of her nursing career as it brought her so much happiness.

Carrie's greatest pride and joy were her family and friends. She married the love of her life, Sam "Kinger" Reigle on October 19, 1937. The two spent over forty years happily married until Mr. Reigle's passing on Christmas Day in 1980. Carrie enjoyed life to the fullest and took pleasure in cooking her famous Italian meals. I grew up with Grandma Reigle's grandson Sammy. And almost every day as a young boy, I would stop by Sammy's house to see what Grandma Reigle had cooked. She always had homemade Italian pizza, or soup, or pasta fagioli. She loved to cook and then watch us eat. We would sit around with our friends and play games and Grandma Reigle would feed us. She was always warm and caring and she was a most wonderful Grandma.

Carrie is preceded in death by her husband Sam, parents Vincenzo and Angelina, brothers Sam, Anthony, and Joseph, sisters Elizabeth, Mary, Lucille, and Angie, as well as her dear friend Jane Logar. Carrie leaves behind her son Richard, grandson Sam and wife Lori, two great-grandchildren, Isabella and Sammy, her nieces and nephews, and her great-nieces and nephews. Carrie made our community a better place to call home. She warmed the hearts of many and will be remembered as sweet Grandma Reigle. I am deeply saddened by her passing and will miss her. We all are better people because Grandma Reigle touched our lives. Thank you Carrie for all of your hard work and service, your compassion for others will continue to live on through the many lives you have touched.

IN RECOGNITION OF RAY
MILLER'S RETIREMENT

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ray Miller, a thirty year veteran of the Coast Guard Reserves and the Commander of the American Legion post in Hanover, Massachusetts.

Mr. Miller's career in the Coast Guard Reserves led him to serve this great nation in her darkest moments. In the days immediately following the September eleventh terrorist attacks, Mr. Miller was called into active duty to help secure our shores against those who sought to sow continued chaos. In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Mr. Miller once again answered the call of duty by deploying to Mobile, Alabama to help restore normalcy to the lives of those residents of the Gulf. And when that normalcy was disrupted once more in the Deep Water Horizon crisis, Ray Miller did not hesitate to once again help the residents of the Gulf of Mexico.

Closer to his home, Mr. Miller helped keep Boston safe during the Democratic National Convention in the summer of 2004. And then again in 2012, he served the people of this region by aiding the recovery efforts in the devastating aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. The veterans and members of the American Legion community in Hanover have been well

served because of his work as Legion Post Commander.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Mr. Ray Miller on this remarkable occasion. I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing him a wonderful retirement and many years of happiness.

HONORING JEFF CARDWELL

HON. MARK MEADOWS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Jeff Cardwell for his work as the North Carolina Emergency Management Area Coordinator and congratulate him on his retirement.

Mr. Cardwell began his career serving as a Fire Officer for the Gamewell Fire Department, where he still serves today. He served as a firefighter for the city of Lenoir from 1986 to 1991 and for the City of Hickory from 1991 to 1993. In 1993 Mr. Cardwell began his career with North Carolina Emergency Management, serving as an Area Trainer and working his way toward an administrative role. During his time with North Carolina Emergency Management, he worked on twenty-six FEMA disaster declarations and eight of North Carolina declarations, including every major disaster in North Carolina since 1993. Mr. Cardwell has been recognized for his outstanding service several times, receiving awards including the Western North Carolina Firefighter Association Officer of the Year in 2001 and the Colonel William A. Thompson Award as the North Carolina Emergency Management Employee of the Year.

Mr. Cardwell has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to serving the people of North Carolina in emergency management. As such, I am proud to honor Mr. Jeff Cardwell for his faithful service to the people of North Carolina and I wish him the best on his retirement.

TOGETHER CONGRESS CAN COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, a miraculous thing happened recently in Washington. Both parties came together to negotiate important legislation, the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act, moving beyond partisan attacks and rhetoric to find common ground. Their compromise passed the Senate by a vote of 99–0. This is not only important from a procedural, functional standpoint, it's important because it will help fight a major problem in our society: human trafficking, one of the fastest growing criminal enterprises in the United States. We urge the House to bring the Senate bill up for a vote without delay.

Many of us do not realize that in this nation, and in our own backyards, individuals are held against their will, their bodies sold repeatedly day in and day out. This modern-day form of slavery is an enormous black market, with an estimated value of \$9.8 billion in the U.S.

The average age of children sold into the sex trade is just 13. As Americans, and as parents and grandparents, we cannot turn a blind eye to this fact any more. Human trafficking is real. It is in every state, city and suburb in America. It is imperative that we protect American children from the traffickers who prey upon the most vulnerable in our society.

The Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act is a robust and aggressive response that does three main things.

First, the bill targets demand. Going after those who buy and sell our children will help decimate this industry. The legislation treats those who pay for sex with minors and other trafficking victims as criminals and will help prosecutors put them where they belong: behind bars.

Second, the bill focuses on restoring the victims. Children who are sold for sex are victims, not prostitutes, and it's time to treat them as such by ensuring that they have a safe place to stay, resources they need for rehabilitation and services uniquely tailored for human trafficking survivors.

Lastly, the bill provides resources to train law enforcement and others who may come into contact with human trafficking victims to better identify and respond to their needs. The bill creates a fund built from fees and fines collected from convicted traffickers.

We urge the House to bring S. 178, the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act, to the floor for a vote and send it to the president's desk for signature. It will be a powerful day when Washington can stand together to proclaim, "Our children are not for sale."

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF BRADLEY KRUPP ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Bradley Krupp of Bowling Green, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Bradley's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2019. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country but also guarantees a world-class education, while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Bradley brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2019. While attending Bowling Green High School in Bowling Green, Ohio, Bradley was a member of the National Honor Society, Honor Roll, French Honor Society and received student athlete awards. In addition, he was a member of the Key Club, French club and drama club.

Throughout high school, Bradley was a member of his school's cross country team

and earned his varsity letter. I am confident that Bradley will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Military Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Bradley Krupp on the offer of his appointment to the United States Military Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Bradley will excel during his career at the Military Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, on roll call nos. 216, 217, 218, 219, and 220 I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained due to travel.

Had I been present, I would have voted aye on roll call 216.

Had I been present, I would have voted nay on roll call 217.

Had I been present, I would have voted nay on roll call 218.

Had I been present, I would have voted aye on roll call 219.

Had I been present, I would have voted aye on roll call 220.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed roll call votes 208, 209, and 210. If present, I would have voted "no" on roll call vote 208, "no" on roll call vote 209, and "no" on roll call vote 210.

TRIBUTE TO RETIRING ST. JOSEPH COUNTY CLERK PATTIE BENDER

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to retiring St. Joseph County Clerk Pattie Bender. Pattie is a staple of our Southwest Michigan community and my dear friend. I rise to thank her for 45 years of distinguished public service.

A life-long resident of Southwest Michigan, Pattie currently serves in a dual capacity as county clerk and register of deeds. She began her career with St. Joseph County in 1970 and has served as county clerk since 1991.

The office of town or county clerk is one of the oldest known offices in local government, essential to the functioning of our democracy. It is an office of trust that demands the utmost integrity and diligence. As clerk, Pattie is entrusted with the supervision of all national,